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to be in New Orleans and to see [ ] have stated that they have heard nothing but very favorable comments regarding REDDICK in Atlanta.

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[ ] pointed out that he would consider REDDICK as entirely loyal during the time he was at Dillard University; however, that he would have no way of knowing what changes had taken place in REDDICK's thinking since leaving the institution.

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[ ] was re-contacted on February 2, 1962, by SA [ ] and informed that he recalled DRAKE as an instructor at Dillard University in about 1935 and again in 1941. He stated he was closely associated with DRAKE at this time on the faculty of the University, but has had no association with him since. He stated during his association at Dillard University, he regarded DRAKE highly, and found him to be very brilliant, trustworthy, honest, and of good moral character. He regarded DRAKE as entirely loyal to the United States and has heard nothing which would reflect unfavorably on the loyalty of DRAKE since he left Dillard University. He added that DRAKE had very definite ideas and was striving for a better social world and was what some may term as "radical" in that he was more direct in attempting to achieve his goal. [ ] pointed out that he had found that negotiation and conference worked better in the long run, but DRAKE would be inclined to be less patient and more direct by making demands, possibly publicity forcing an issue or even demonstrations, but added he did not feel that DRAKE would ever condone violence of any kind. [ ] pointed out that DRAKE was very young at that time and had probably changed in his thinking and possibly would become more practical with experience and maturity.

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[ ] stated that he did not know any of the associates of DRAKE while in New Orleans except the members of the faculty and he had never known DRAKE to associate with persons of questioned loyalty.

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[ ] stated that he had not been associated with LAWRENCE D. REDDICK since he left Dillard, and consequently could give no further information regarding him. He stated that he recalled DRAKE and REDDICK were rather closely associated when they were on the faculty together at Dillard, but not more so than other members of the faculty. He stated that although they were similar in some respects and would be regarded as "social crusaders," REDDICK was more immature and unstable at that time, and [ ] would regard DRAKE a much more reliable person. He stated that DRAKE was a very definite thinker and he did not feel that he would be influenced by his association with REDDICK. [ ] related that he knew of no affiliation of REDDICK which would reflect unfavorably on his loyalty to the United States.

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[ ] Dillard University, advised on February 5, 1962, that she was not associated with Dillard University at the time DRAKE was teaching there and is not sure that she recalls him. She stated she did not know him well and would be unable to give any information regarding him.

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"The Southern Patriot," issue of March-1950, Volume 8, Number 3, Page 1, announced that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), at New Orleans, Louisiana, was serving as coordinator for a South-wide Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education which would be held in Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 8, 1950. It was to be held under the sponsorship of a group of 200 professors and administrators from more than 100 colleges and universities in sixteen southern states and the District of Columbia.

A characterization of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), appears in the Appendix Section of this report.

"The Southern Patriot," issue of April-1950, Volume 8, Number 4, Page 1, lists Dr. L. D. REDDICK, Library Director, Atlanta University, as Chairman of the Atlanta Committee

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on Arrangements and a member of the Resolutions Committee for the "First South-Wide Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education." REDDICK gave an address to the conference on library services, stressing the importance of a library to graduate education and compared the libraries in Negro colleges with those in white colleges, showing great inequities, according to this issue of "The Southern Patriot."

"The Southern Patriot," issue of June 1950, Volume 8, Number 6, Page 2, carried an article by Dr. L. D. REDDICK which was condensed from his speech on library service delivered at the Atlanta Conference. In his article Dr. REDDICK stated:

"Really, the solution to this problem is fairly simple--at least fairly simple to state. First, remove the barriers that prevent all scholars from having full and free access to existing library resources and services; secondly, provide the funds for building up the library facilities and personnel of those institutions that Negroes and the other restricted minorities are now attending.

"Some small gains have been made along both these lines. Quietly and almost with a fear that too much publicity will result in retreat, a few of the so-called white universities of the South now permit individual Negro scholars to use their books, documents, manuscripts and reading rooms as freely as anybody else does. But by and large Negro students and teachers in the South are restricted to the libraries of what has been termed 'their own institutions.'"

"It is unlikely that Negro scholars in the South will ever get first class university libraries until the barriers of segregation and discrimination are torn down."

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Beneath this article by Dr. REDDICK on Page three of the same issue, "The Southern Patriot" in an editorial, pointed out that four southern cities had recently abandoned segregation in regard to library service. The editorial stated: "We suggest to the readers of the Southern Patriot that they initiate a small Committee on Discrimination in Library Service to suggest to the local library board that segregation be abandoned and that the services of the public libraries be made available to everyone without discrimination. The editorial further suggests that if no action is taken within reasonable time that relief could be obtained through the courts. The editorial felt that it would be better if this democratic move would be made without court action. It concluded by stating that the removal of barriers to libraries would be 'one modest step forward toward our goal of a really free and democratic southland.'"

Confidential informants acquainted with some phases of Communist Party (CP) activities in the New Orleans area advised in May of 1956 that REDDICK was unknown to them.

Confidential informants acquainted with some phases of CP activity in the New Orleans area advised on February 5, 1962, that REDDICK and DRAKE were unknown to them.

## A P P E N D I X

### Organizations and/or Publications

The following organizations and/or publications which have been utilized in this report and which have not been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the attached Appendix pages.

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### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party (CP) activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 15, 1961, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, CP members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years, certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

On May 15, 1961, the source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual CP member, because he followed communist principles.

The source also advised on May 15, 1961, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

Another source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a CP functionary, stated at a meeting of the CP in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the CP is not connected with any progressive movement, but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

## A P P E N D I X



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 6, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. NO 161-87

Title                      JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
                                 AKA

Character                PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Reference               Report of SA [redacted]  
                                 dated February 6, 1962, at  
                                 New Orleans.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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February 6, 1962

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Character:

PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Michigan State University, who has known applicant for about 25 years, comments favorably and recommends.

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DETAILS: On February 6, 1962, [REDACTED] Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, was interviewed at the Hacienda del Sol Motel, Borrego Springs, California. [REDACTED] stated that he has known the applicant for approximately 25 years, adding that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the University of Chicago. [REDACTED] stated that he considers the applicant to be a very able, intelligent, capable person of high moral character and excellent reputation. [REDACTED] stated that he has never had any reason to doubt the loyalty of the applicant and added that without hesitation he would recommend the applicant for a position of trust and responsibility.

[REDACTED] advised that he could not now recall the exact positions held by the applicant over the years, however, he recalled that in about 1941 the applicant performed research work on a book to be published for the University of Chicago Press, as well as doing research work for several foundations in order to supplement his income.

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, AKA, PC-A. REBUAIRTEL JANUARY  
FOUR LAST. DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION. SUREP INVESTIGATION  
TO DATE.

NOTE:

Peace Corps, advised on 2/6/62 that the investigation  
should be discontinued. *New Orleans requested no further*  
*PC work. No more investigation to be done.*  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/7/62

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (161-703)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
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Re Bureau teletype, 2/6/62, instructing that this case be discontinued.

No investigation conducted this office, Characterization of LAWRENCE D. REDDICK furnished to Chicago by airtel 2/6/62.

No report being submitted and this case is considered closed.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (161-425)(RUC)  
RE: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Re Chicago airtel to Los Angeles dated 1/27/62,  
and Bureau teletype to Washington Field et al dated  
2/6/62.

Investigation at Los Angeles was limited to  
attempts to locate [REDACTED] Inasmuch as  
she has not been contacted, no report being submitted  
by Los Angeles.

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TO: SAC, BALTIMORE (161-703)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (161-521) (RUC)  
JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT  
Buded 2/5/62

Re Baltimore airtel to Chicago 2/6/62 (no cc to Bureau or New Orleans) which made reference to Atlanta teletype to Director and Baltimore, 2/5/62 (no cc to Chicago), Chicago teletype to Director and New Orleans 1/31/62, and report of SA [redacted] dated 2/2/62, at Chicago.

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It is to be noted that referenced Chicago teletype requested New Orleans to characterize DRAKE. In the event Baltimore has furnished the information in referenced airtel as an indirect result of that request, Baltimore will submit the information in report form.

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- 1 - New Orleans (INFO)
- 1 - Chicago

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TO : Mr. Evans

DATE: February 9, 1962

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

thru Civil Service Commission

PURPOSE...Request for investigation received 1/4/62. On 1/26/62, Drake addressed letter to our Chicago Office (copy attached) complaining regarding the investigation and accusing the FBI of using deception in acquiring information regarding him. Upon receipt of letter at Bureau, the Peace Corps was contacted and they admitted Drake was not a bonafide applicant but they had "hoped" to use his services. They requested investigation be discontinued. Drake has been contacted by Chicago Office and apprised of reasons for investigation. He stated he did not realize he was being considered under the Peace Corps Program.

BACKGROUND... Our investigation to date reveals Drake has been employed as an educator for a number of years, and since 1946, as professor of sociology, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois. Drake, a Negro, is co-author of the book, "Black Metropolis," a study of Chicago's Negro community. His wife, a white woman, teaches at the University of Chicago. Drake's name has appeared as a sponsor of Communist Party (CP) front groups; he has spoken before CP front groups; his name has appeared in connection with CP front activities; and he has associated with CP members and sympathizers. His wife's name has appeared as a sponsor of CP front groups, and before her marriage, she was a member of a CP front group. She has been described as a "psychoneurotic." In a speech given in Gary, Indiana, in May, 1961, Drake stated he was chosen to work on the organization of the Peace Corps (PC), but in his opinion, the PC would not accomplish its goals.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENT...Our Chicago Office forwarded a copy of Drake's letter to the Bureau and upon receipt at the Bureau, [redacted] for the Peace Corps, was contacted and advised of the unjustified criticism directed at the Bureau contained in Drake's letter. He checked on the matter and subsequently advised it was true that Drake had no knowledge he was being considered for employment and that the investigation had been requested with the "hope" that they would be able to utilize Drake's services in the future.

Enclosure  
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Letter to SAC Chicago  
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Callahan, Rosen, Evans + Sullivan  
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Memorandum to Mr. Evans  
Re: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

They also hoped to use Roosevelt University, where Drake is a professor, as a training site. [ ] admitted Peace Corps responsibility and stated that any criticism in connection with this matter should have been directed at the Peace Corps rather than the FBI. He requested that our investigation of Drake be discontinued. The Chicago Office was instructed to contact Drake and straighten him out and when they did so Drake stated he did not realize he was being considered under the PC Program. He said he now understood the need for such investigations and held no ill will toward the FBI.

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OBSERVATIONS... Since the passage of the PC Act, 28 cases have been received and all of them except the Drake case have been accompanied by a formal application. Only a brief biographical outline concerning Drake was furnished. Since the criticism of the Bureau was caused directly by Drake's lack of knowledge that the PC was considering him for employment, it is felt we should tell the PC that in the future, if a request for investigation is made without a formal application, some certification be placed on the request that the applicant knows he is being considered for employment. In the absence of such certification, we will contact the General Counsel's Office at the PC to verify this prior to opening our case.

#### ACTION

1. Liaison will advise the General Counsel's Office at the PC that in the future when they request an investigation and no application is available, certification should be placed on the material forwarded indicating the applicant knows he is being considered for employment. Further, they will be told that in view of the unjustified criticism of the Bureau in this case, where no such certification appears, they will be contacted prior to our opening our case.

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2. In addition, in view of Drake's attitude as expressed in the attached letter, he is being placed on the list of persons not to be contacted without Bureau authority.

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"Regional Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
536 South Clark Street  
Chicago, Illinois

"Dear Sir:

"It has come to my attention that, within the last few weeks, certain persons representing themselves as agents of your bureau have visited a number of my colleagues, friends and acquaintances making inquiries about my associations, character, publications, and varied activities. These alleged investigators have said that the inquiries are being made 'in connection with Federal employment.' I use the term 'alleged', since I have never applied for Federal employment, it is conceivable to me that the FBI would use deception in acquiring information.

"If, however, these are bona fide investigators, I think I have the right to be informed as to who has told the FBI that I am seeking Federal employment, and as to why I am being 'investigated'. A lot of money is being spent, a lot of time being used, and many people being bothered to find out facts that are a matter of public record and sworn statement. It seems a bit silly to me, as well as a downright waste of the taxpayers money given the fact that I am not seeking Federal employment.

"And, frankly, I resent it. So I would appreciate some clarification of this inexplicable episode in my long, open-and-above-board career as an academic, a concerned citizen, and, I think, a loyal American.

"Sincerely yours,

(signed) St. Clair Drake

St. Clair Drake  
Professor of Sociology"

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Date: 2/12/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1367) (RUC)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka, PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT.

Re report of SA [ ] dated 2/5/62 at  
Washington, D. C., and Bureau teletype dated 2/6/62.

On 2/8/62 IC [ ] reviewed the Office of  
Naval Intelligence file on one ST. CLAIR DRAKE. This file contained  
cross reference ~~notes~~ to FBI ~~reports~~ and also referred to a report  
dated 2/26/53 originating at Headquarters, 5th Army, Assistant  
Chief of Staff, G-2, Serial Number IR-D8-53. This ONI file  
contained no additional pertinent information.

In view of reButel discontinuing this investigation,  
no lead is being set forth to check G-2.

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1 - WFO

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI (161-1631) - 56

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
PERSON NOT TO BE CONTACTED

Reference is made to the critical letter which John Gibbs St. Clair Drake wrote to your office last month protesting the investigation of him as a Peace Corps applicant. As your file in this investigation clearly reflects, this individual and his wife have backgrounds of affiliation with subversive organizations.

In the future, Drake should not be contacted on any occasion unless prior Bureau approval has been obtained. It is noted that he teaches sociology at Roosevelt University in Chicago and that he resides at 5618 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago.

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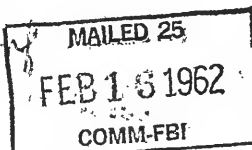
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NOTE: See memorandum from W. V. Cleveland to Mr. Evans dated February 9, 1962, recommending that Drake be placed on the "Not To Contact" list.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

February 16, 1962

Honorable R. Sargent Shriver, Jr.  
Director of the Peace Corps  
806 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention:

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RE: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Dear Sir:


PG - A

1.22.62.4789

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4BJA-MLB  
ON 8-18-00

Very truly yours, #910146

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any,  
this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

(2 cc's each of 17 reports and 5 memoranda)

Investigation discontinued in accordance with your request. Attached reports contain results of investigation to date.

One copy each of 17 reports and 5 memoranda have been furnished directly to the Civil Service Commission.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
February 16, 1962

Director, Bureau of Personnel Investigations  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

RE: **JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE**  
**PC - A**  
**1.22.62.4789**

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP4BJA-MLB  
ON 8-18-00

Very truly yours, # 910146

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any,  
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(1 cc each of 17 reports and 5 memoranda)

In accordance with instructions received from the Peace Corps, investigation discontinued. Attached reports contain results of investigation conducted to date.

Two copies each of 17 reports and 5 memoranda have been furnished directly to the Peace Corps.

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Date 2-7-62

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To

☒ Director

Att. ....

☐ SAC .....

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☐ Supv. ....

☐ Agent .....

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☐ Clerk .....

FILE # 161-1681

PX File 161-105

Title .....

JOHN GIBBS ST CLAIR DRAKE  
a.k.a., PC-A

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign ..... Reassign .....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline .....

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Discontinue

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Open Case

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

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REBUTEL 2-6-62. Reference is made to PX airtel  
tel 2-1-62. Only investigation Px Div .  
was to contact [redacted] and [redacted] b2  
These sources [redacted] b7D

[redacted] No report being submitted by Px. RUC.

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*E. J. Boyle*  
*Phoenix*

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February 16, 1962

NAME

John Gibbs St. Clair Drake

PROFESSION

Professor of Sociology  
Roosevelt University  
Chicago, Illinois

ADDRESS

5618 South Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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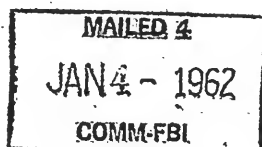
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Norfolk (161-60)  
Chicago (161-521)  
New York (161-793)  
Boston (161-1681)  
New Orleans (161-87)  
Philadelphia (161-442)  
Richmond (161-176)

**From:** Director, FBI (161-1681)

**JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka**  
**PC-A**

**Buded:** 2/5/62

CSC has now requested that investigation in this  
matter be completed. Review urfiles and conduct indicated  
investigation. *C*



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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (161-1681)

DATE: 1/10/62

FROM : *C/R* SAC, Norfolk (161-60) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR <sup>S</sup>DRAKE, aka  
PC - A

Re report of SA [redacted] at Norfolk  
dated 11/2/61, and Bureau airtel dated 1/4/62.

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All investigation in this case has been completed  
in the Norfolk Division and the results were set forth in  
referenced report.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (161-793)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (161-521)  
SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka.  
PC - A

Re Bureau letter to WFO 1/4/62 and New Orleans  
airtel to Bureau 10/24/61.

Referenced New Orleans airtel reflects DRAKE employed  
by Carnegie Corporation, State of Illinois, as Research  
Associate in Chicago in 1940. The only similar listing in  
current Chicago telephone directory is Carnegie Construction  
and Development Corporation which advises that they have not  
employed people as research associates and have no record of  
DRAKE. It is noted that referenced New Orleans airtel sets  
forth lead for New York to interview [redacted]  
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New York will from [redacted] determine if Carnegie  
Corporation, State of Illinois, was connected with Carnegie  
Corporation, New York City and if so where their records are  
located. Also attempt, through [redacted] recollection to  
verify DRAKE's employment at Carnegie Corporation.

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It is noted that referenced airtel reflects education  
Columbia University, New York City, 1936. Records of Roosevelt  
University, Chicago, reflect education summer, 1935, Columbia  
University, New York City.

Same records reflect DRAKE employed 1937-1940, Director  
of Research of Negro Community in Chicago on projects financed  
by Works Progress Administration (or Work Projects Administration).

2 - New York  
2 - WFO (161-1367)  
1 - Bureau (161-1631)  
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WFO will attempt to verify this employment.  
Chicago is also attempting to verify through Institute for  
Juvenile Research, Chicago, and University of Chicago, sponsors  
of the projects.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>BOSTON</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>1/17/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/16/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>bab</b> b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT</b> ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 06-04-2008 BY 60322 UC LP/PLJ/LCW	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to WFO dated January 4, 1962;  
report of SA  Boston, November 3, 1961.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Prior investigation has been conducted concerning appointee. See case entitled "JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka, PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT," report of SA  at Boston, Massachusetts, dated November 3, 1961.

A review was made of Boston file  case entitled  IS - R," inasmuch as the information contained therein was deemed to contain no significant security information, it is not being included in this report.

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ANS. BY: *KW Jan*

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CC TO: *photo*  
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ANS. BY: *Jakahn*

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - Boston (161-661)

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REQ. REC'D *8/19/62*  
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ANS. BY: *ADSP [unclear]*

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Date:

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Office: Boston, Massachusetts

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Field Office File No.: 161-661

Bureau File No.: 161-1681

Title: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

Character: PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

Arrest records, Cambridge, Mass., negative.

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DETAILS:

ARREST

On January 16, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Record Bureau, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Police Department, advised these records contain no information concerning JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1367)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
St. Clair Drake  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT  
BUDED 2/5/62.

ReBuairtel 1/4/62, and Chicago airtel 1/16/62.

Applicant born 1/2/11, Suffolk, Va. Has been employed  
as Professor of Sociology, Roosevelt College, Chicago, since  
1946.

Referenced Chicago airtel shows DRAKE was employed  
1937 - 1940 as Director of Research of Negro community in Chicago  
on projects financed by Works Progress Administration (or Work  
Projects Administration).

WFO checking investigative files of WPA. Chicago is  
also attempting to verify this info through Institute for Juvenile  
Research, Chicago.

St. Louis attempt to verify WPA employment.

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AIR MAIL REGISTERED MAIL

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (161-521) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
St. Clair Drake  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Buded 2/5/62

Re Bureau airtel to WFO 1/4/62.

This case was referred to the FBI by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of the Peace Corps Act. DRAKE has been affiliated with various Communist Party (CP) Front Groups, and has been in contact with the Social Workers Party, Young Socialist League (YSL) and Independent Socialist League (ISL). He was born 1/2/11 at Suffolk, Virginia, and is a professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Roosevelt University, Chicago. He was co-author of "Black Metropolis" and has served on the faculty of Universities of Liberia and Ghana.

Indianapolis see your memo of SA [redacted] dated 5/22/61 regarding Anselm Women, Gary, Indiana (IP [redacted]) showing results of contact with [redacted] Indianapolis will report this information and include re-contact with this informant to ascertain if he possesses additional information and if he will furnish a signed statement and appear before a hearing board.

- 2 - Indianapolis
- 1 - Bureau (161-1681)
- 2 - Phoenix
- 2 - WFO (161-1367)
- 1 - Chicago (161-521)

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For attention Phoenix, former [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] on 6/7/51, that the main activities of the Socialist Youth League (SYL) unit in Chicago were centered on the University of Chicago campus where many public meetings were being held. Among

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Phoenix refer to Phoenix letter to Chicago dated 7/31/59, Phoenix file [redacted] regarding address of former [redacted] in Phoenix. former [redacted] Phoenix will report the above information and include re-contact with informants to ascertain if they possess additional information and if they will furnish a signed statement and appear before a hearing board. Chicago files reflect informants should be characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past. They have expressed willingness to testify in open court or before administrative hearingboards. However, they have indicated they desire that their identities should not be divulged until such time as their testimony is required. There are no known factors which would indicate the inadvisability of having either of the former informants testify.

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For attention WFO, reference is made to WFO letter to Chicago dated 2/20/59 regarding DRAKE, (WFO 100-35657) and related photostat of a letter to the Passport Office dated 1/1/54 and two sworn statements on 1/18/53 dealing with DRAKE's feelings toward the CP and denial of ever having been a CP member. WFO will report the pertinent information obtained from Passport Office and include the photostats with their report.

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DRAKE's letter to the Passport Office reflects in paragraph one that during the first semester of the 1953-54 academic year, he was serving as a visiting lecturer in Anthropology at Boston University and participated in activities of a Seminar on Contemporary Africa, conducted by [redacted] of the African Studies Program. [redacted] of Roosevelt University named [redacted] [redacted] with whom DRAKE had worked at Boston University, as person applicant closely acquainted with.

He said that [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted] WFO will  
interview [redacted]

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Date: 1/24/62

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1681)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (161-521) (P)  
SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
St. Clair Drake  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

Buded 2/5/62

Re Bureau airtel to WFO 1/4/62 and report of SA  
[redacted] dated 1/8/61 at Chicago.

Only four copies of rerep were submitted to Bureau.  
Submitted herewith is a fifth copy to complete Bureau file.

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Special Agent in Charge

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It is suggested that the Bureau furnish copies of reports in these three investigations to Civil Service Commission (CSC). Chicago will utilize pertinent information regarding ST. CLAIR DRAKE and his wife as contained in these investigations in current report, but will not report the information regarding his wife's relatives ~~who are investigated~~ as it is assumed these reports will be furnished to CSC.

For attention St. Louis and Bureau, Bureau airtel to Boston dated 10/10/61 makes reference to report of SA [redacted] dated 10/18/60 at Chicago, entitled [redacted] SM-C, which contains information that one JOHN ST. CLAIR who was contacted by Agents of the St. Louis Office on 1/23/53 regarding [redacted] stated that he, JOHN ST. CLAIR, was a Communist Party member in St. Louis in 1948 or 1949. It is believed this individual is not identical with the applicant as applicant is not known to have used this combination of names, nor to have lived in St. Louis. Applicant born 1/2/11, Suffolk, Virginia, Negro, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Roosevelt University, Chicago, since 1946, except that he has served with Universities in Africa and has done research abroad while on leave of absence.

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St. Louis advise if identical.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (161-521)

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1367) (P)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, aka  
St. Clair Drake  
Peace Corps - Applicant

Buded 2/5/62

Re CG airtel to Indianapolis dated 1/23/62.

Last paragraph, page 2, of referenced airtel request WFO to report pertinent information obtained from Passport Office and for WFO to include Photostats with current Peace Corps report.

Reference is made to WFO letter to Chicago dated 2/20/59, captioned "JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, JR., SM - C." This letter forwarded to Chicago Photostats of a letter and two sworn statements which appeared in passport files. WFO does not have copies of this material and Chicago is requested to furnish this information to the Bureau.

WFO by report dated 10/31/61, reported passport information concerning applicant.

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1 - WFO

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (161-521)

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR  
DRAKE, aka. St. Clair Drake  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT  
(Buded: 2/5/62)

Rebuairtel to Chicago dated 1/4/62.

This case was referred to the FBI by the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of the Peace Corps Act. DRAKE has been affiliated with various Communist Party (CP) front groups and has been in contact with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), Young Socialist League and Independent Socialist League. He was born 1/2/11 at Suffolk, Virginia, and is a professor of sociology and anthropology, Roosevelt University, Chicago, was co-author of "Black Metropolis" and has served on the staff of the University of Liberia and University of Ghana.

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[REDACTED] has furnished  
reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: 2/2/62

FROM : *WBS/son* SAC, Los Angeles (File 161-425)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
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This case will be delinquent.

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Date of Bureau deadline: 2/5

Reason for the delinquency: *Special Handling required in contacting former informant [redacted] Efforts to contact negative to date.*

*No admin. action warranted.*  
Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 2/12

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
October 11, 1962

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

The October 6, 1962, Red Streak Edition of the "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, Illinois, on page 12, in the Letters to the Editor Section, there appeared the following letter from St. Clair Drake:

"I am a Negro American 'refugee' from the South who has been living in Chicago for 20 years, 'exiled' for protesting against Jim Crow.

"I have just come back from Ghana in West Africa, where I've been helping a group of Peace Corps teachers to 'settle in.' I have spent over three years since 1953 in various parts of Africa doing research and teaching. As far as Africa is concerned, I can assure you that certain fears expressed in your editorial of Oct. 2, 1962, 'Bloodshed at Oxford,' are quite unwarranted.

"The editorial conjured up visions of 'millions of non-whites around the world' getting an unfavorable image of America by listening to Moscow and Peiping's reports of events in Oxford, Miss.

"In the first place, African newspapers get their news about America from Reuters, the French Press Agency, the USIA, and their own news services--not Tass. Local newscasts are compiled from a variety of sources. Short-wave listeners are very eclectic, usually comparing B.B.C., Voice of America, Radio Brazzaville (French Overseas Service), Radio Cairo, Moscow and Peiping, after which they make up their own minds.

"In the second place, there is no way in which Moscow and Peiping could so slant the news as to make Africans miss the only point that really impresses them, namely, that one group of white men are willing to use armed force to make another group of white men treat black men right. For this,

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JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

"cheers are rising for Kennedy and the U.S. from the Mediterranean to the Cape of Good Hope and from the Indian Ocean to the Gulf of Guinea.

"And I am sure that many Africans see this as a favorable omen of the day when UN forces will close in on Mississippi's counterpart, South Africa. (Why, even Castro is praising Kennedy for Operation Oxford!). And I'm sure that what they like best of all are those Negro GIs who were included in the 'liberation army.'

"What you should worry about is the danger that Africa and the non-white world will actually find out the truth about Mississippi. Suppose they really knew that 43 per cent of the inhabitants of Mississippi are Negro, but that there is not one black congressman or senator, not one member of the State Legislature, and except in a couple of all-Negro towns, not a city councilman in the state?

"Suppose they knew about the Negroes who are beaten, terrorized, and run out of the state when they try to register to vote? 'Why don't the marshals and the soldiers stay there to finish the job?' they would ask.

"Oxford is only a symptom--a bursting boil on a diseased body. Mississippi white people do not know how lucky they are.

"They cry havoc at the presence of disciplined federal forces. Do they ever stop to think of what could have happened--and still could happen--of their homes which could have been burned down by enraged Negroes under cover of darkness during a hundred years of oppression; of snipers who could have fired into lynching mobs; of bombs that could have blown Confederate generals from their pedestals in courthouse squares; of Mississippi Mau Maus in cotton counties where Negroes outnumber whites 8 to 1?

"But what has actually happened? Thousands of their most capable citizens have caught the train for Chicago. (40 per cent of all the Negro migrants to Chicago between 1950 and 1960 came from Mississippi).

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE

"The ones who stayed still cook their food (without poisoning them); get cheated at cotton-picking time (without shooting them), and stay away from the polls (without starting an 'underground' rebellion).

"Why do they not thank God for mild-mannered Merediths and polite, hymn-singing and praying 'Freedom Riders?' It could have been a lot worse!

"The crux of Mississippi's problem is political. The Barnetts and their kind know that if the democratic tools are given to the Negroes they will 'finish the job.' Not by force and violence, but by filling the legislative halls with intelligent Negro schoolteachers, businessmen, lawyers, preachers, and artisans, who will seek equality and justice now denied almost half the residents of the state.

"For the last 87 years, without violence or vindictiveness, Mississippi Negroes have waited patiently for the nation to turn to the unfinished business of democracy in their state. Why don't we enfranchise the Negroes of Mississippi now--on the centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation?

"ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
"Chicago

"Editor's Note: Drake is a professor of sociology at Roosevelt University and co-author of 'Black Metropolis.'"

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (161-1681)

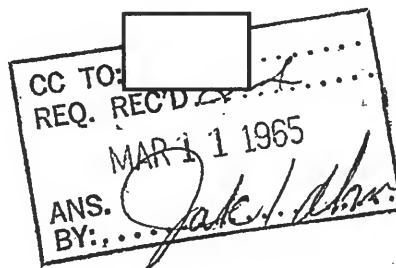
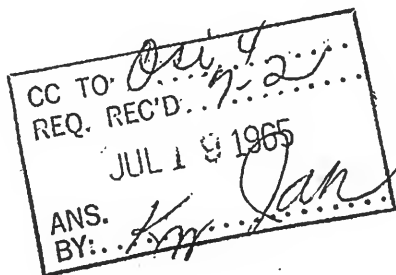
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (161-521)

SUBJECT: JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT

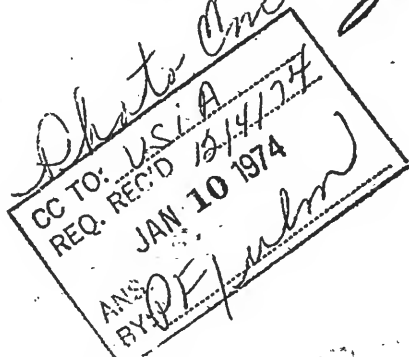
Rerep of SA [redacted] dated February 2, 1962,  
at Chicago.

Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum  
concerning the above individual.



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DATED 06-10-2008

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/23/63

FROM :

SAC, CHICAGO (97-349) (P)

SUBJECT:

JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE  
REGISTRATION ACT - GHANA

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Reference is also made to Chicago  
airtel and letterhead memorandum, dated 12/17/63, entitled,  
"FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - GHANA".

The subject was investigated as an applicant in 1962,  
case entitled "JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, St. Clair Drake;  
PEACE CORPS - APPLICANT", (Bureau File 161-1681). Investigation  
of DRAKE revealed that he was affiliated with several subversive  
organizations, signed an advertisement sponsored by the National  
Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill, endorsed the Peoples Conference  
called by the Communist Party (CP) and was a sponsor of the Afro-  
American Heritage Association. DRAKE at the time of the  
investigation was a professor of sociology at Roosevelt  
University, Chicago.

From 1958 to 1961 DRAKE was in Ghana where he served as  
an instructor in the Department of Sociology at the  
University College of Ghana.

In a letter to the editor of the Chicago Daily News of  
October 6, 1962, the subject stated, "I am a Negro American  
'refugee from the South who has been living in Chicago for 20' years  
exiled for protesting against Jim Crow.

I've just come back from Ghana in West Africa where  
I've been helping a group of Peace Corps teachers to 'settle in'.  
I've spent over three years since 1963 in various parts of  
Africa doing research and teaching..."

The Bureau by letter February 16, 1962, under the caption  
"JOHN GIBBS ST. CLAIR DRAKE, Chicago, Illinois, person 'not to be  
contacted'" instructed that no further contact should be had with  
DRAKE in view of the critical letter he sent to the Chicago Office  
in January, 1962, protesting the investigation of him as a Peace  
Corps applicant.

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Referenced Chicago letter dated September 24, 1963, set forth information furnished by [ ] and [ ] to the effect that DRAKE has defended President NKRUMAH of Ghana on television and has written letters to newspapers defending NKRUMAH. [ ] and [ ] also stated that in 1960 DRAKE was offered the position of Director of the Nkrumah Ideological Training Institute but declined because of [ ] objection to their moving to Ghana. As recently as July 26, 1963, DRAKE wrote a letter to the National Times challenging Senator DODD's comments in the Senate in which DODD attacked NKRUMAH as pro-communist.

[ ] and [ ] also advised that a Ghanaian [ ] an article appearing in the November, 1962, issue of the "Ghana Student", a publication of the Ghana Students' Association of America (GSAA), which is anti-NKRUMAH, in which he criticized NKRUMAH and the Ghanaian Government. [ ] allegedly stated that he had learned that DRAKE sent this article to NKRUMAH in Ghana and as a result [ ] has been ostracised by other Ghanaians in Washington and faces the possible loss of his scholarship.

On November 6, 1963, [ ] and [ ] advised that they had heard from other Ghanaian students and Western press accounts that DRAKE had defended the policies of the NKRUMAH Government in its dealings with the United States Peace Corps in Ghana. They stated that several correspondents in Ghana had reported that the Ghanaian Secret Police had from time to time placed Peace Corps representatives under surveillance and had in general made the work of the Peace Corps difficult. Also NKRUMAH reportedly had issued an order that the Ghanaian newspapers not give the Peace Corps any mention nor credit for its activities in Ghana. According to [ ] and [ ] although DRAKE was a representative of the Peace Corps he sided with NKRUMAH and refused to admit the indignities forced upon the Peace Corps in Ghana. Allegedly DRAKE wrote to the New York Times or Time Magazine in defense of NKRUMAH.

In Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum of December 17, 1963, entitled "FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - GHANA", Chicago set forth information from [ ] to the effect that the GSAA had contacts within the Ghanaian Embassy and United Nations Mission in New York City. The Ghanaian officials to which [ ] referred apparently are secretly anti-NKRUMAH and have furnished information to the GSAA. On December 13, 1963, [ ] identified DARKWA as the main GSAA member in Washington, D.C. //

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